



Water Permits Division e-Newsletter

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A SUMMARY OF WATER PERMITTING NEWS & EVENTS

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PERMITS ISSUED

1/1/10—3/31/10

Individual Minors	62
Individual Majors	10
Sewage Sludge & Biosolids Use or Disposal	8

GENERAL PERMITS

Class I Sanitary	61
Class II Sanitary	13
Class III Sanitary	0
Class IV Sanitary	8
Large Construction	163
Sand & Gravel	83
Petroleum UST	0
Oil & Gas Exploration—Coastal	14
Oil & Gas Exploration—Territorial	32
Auto dealer	4
Hydrostatic Test	5
Exterior Vehicle Wash	7
Potable Water	1
Cement, Concrete & Asphalt	1
C&D Landfill	0
Groundwater	1
Dewater PST	22
Multi-Sector	57

% CURRENT

MAJORS	91.0
MINORS/GENERALS	96.8

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

ISSUED	68
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Water Permits Division Newsletter

DEQ Water Permits Division (WPD) publishes a Quarterly Newsletter to provide the regulated community, citizens, and other interested parties with updates and information relevant to water permitting. We need your comments, recommendations, and input. Please contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013.

Water Permits Division Staff Update

Recent staff changes: Ronnie Bean is the new Wetland Assimilation DCLA for the Division. Todd Franklin is the new Environmental Scientist Supervisor for the Municipal Group, Municipal and General Permits Section. Mehdi Aarabi and Ardrene Logan will be transferring to WPD from the LDEQ Laboratory in the third quarter of 2010 and be assigned as permit writers. Robert Blake a graduate student will be begin working in the WPD as a volunteer/intern in May 2010.

Sewage Sludge Haulers and Disposal Sites

The WPD has approved or conditionally approved 205 haulers. **The 2009 registrations expire June 30, 2010. All registered haulers must reapply by May 1, 2010.** DEQ will send letters reminding approved haulers to re-register for 2010. The Annual Sewage Sludge Reporting Forms were due February 28, 2010. **If you haven't submitted your reporting form, you may not be approved for the 2010-2011 year.** Unregistered haulers may submit registration forms and their submittals will be evaluated. No one can pump or haul sewage sludge until they have received an Approval Letter from DEQ. A list of all approved sewage sludge disposal facilities and a list of all approved sewage sludge haulers is posted on the DEQ Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Internet site (<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx>). Both lists will be updated every 60 days. For more information contact Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

Wetland Assimilation Projects

Introducing treated sanitary wastewater into a suitable wetland can ensure growth and health of a natural wetland. The importance and function of wetlands include, but are not limited to the following: erosion and flood control, saltwater intrusion control, water quality enhancement, habitat for threatened and endangered species, wildlife habitat, nutrient material cycling, recreation and aesthetics. Wetland assimilation projects are encouraged and supported by this agency and by environmental groups within the state. For more information, please visit the DEQ website or contact Ronnie Bean at (225) 219-3119.

Water Permits Division

The Water Permits Division within the Office of Environmental Services authorizes permits administered under the LDEQ Water Quality Regulations. In addition, Water Permits Division oversees Biosolids Management activities and the Water Quality Certifications program which is conducted in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers. For a more detailed description of the Division's activities and a copy of the WPD Work Plan, please check out the website: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/63/Default.aspx>

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Pesticides Regulation Update

In May 2009, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA's request to halt the new rules which govern how pesticides will be used/applied. Implementation of the new rules will begin April 2011. LDEQ will continue to monitor the appeal and its impact on permitting requirements. EPA plans to public notice the Pesticides General Permit for **non-delegated states, territories and tribes** in late spring or early summer with a targeted issuance by the end of 2010. DEQ will issue an LPDES Pesticides General Permit for the State of Louisiana. Watch for more information in the e Newsletter or contact Gary Aydele at 225-219-3002 or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3181/3013 for updates.

Online Applications

DEQ is working on a program which will allow applicants to submit applications electronically to the Department. The online application submittal will begin in phases starting with Notice of Intents for General Oil and Gas Permits. LDEQ expects the program to begin in summer or fall of 2010. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

Termination of Permits

If you owe delinquent fees and/or you are required to obtain financial security prior to being authorized to discharge, your permit may be terminated or denied. Terminations of permits shall be public noticed in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2907.

Training Seminars/EnviroSchool

DEQ will be sponsoring **FREE** training sessions and informational seminars in the near future. The topics will include: Pesticides General Permit and Minimum Quantification Limits (MQLs). Watch the website for more information.

Antidegradation

DEQ is working with EPA Region 6 on the state antidegradation implementation policy. DEQ is currently revising the draft Antidegradation Implementation Procedures. The revision will be public noticed in the upcoming months. For more information contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

LPDES MQL Update in Process

Water Permits Division, at the request of EPA Region 6, has completed the process of updating 28 of the 32 requested Minimum Quantification Levels (MQLs) in Louisiana's WQMP Guidance Document for the implementation of the State's water quality standards on October 7, 2009. MQL is the level at which a pollutant can be reliably detected. The 4 remaining MQLs for Arsenic, Copper, Lead, and Nickel will be finalized over the next year. 3 stakeholder meetings have been held. For more information contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3006.

LAG260000 Issuance

LAG260000— The Master General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, & Production Facilities Located within Territorial Seas of Louisiana has been issued, effective Jan. 1, 2010. All existing facilities and existing independent oil and gas wells eligible for coverage under this general permit must submit an NOI within ninety (90) calendar days of the effective date of this permit. Applications for existing facilities and existing independent oil and gas wells should be submitted by March 31, 2010. Facilities that submit after this date are subject to enforcement actions. Existing facilities with permit coverage under the previous LPDES General Permit LAG260000 will not be administratively continued and will be terminated in its entirety on March 31, 2010. Current permittees with individual territorial seas permits have the option to reapply for new coverage or wait until expiration of your current LPDES permit. Accordingly, permittees with individual territorial seas permits are not required to reapply within the ninety day time frame of January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010. For more information, contact Valerie Powe at 225-219-3135

Water Quality Certifications—Timing

After receipt of the public notice from the Army COE, the Water Quality Certification regulations allow DEQ 30 days to send an initial letter requesting additional information and 60 days to issue the WQC after obtaining the completed information. For more information contact Jamie Phillippe at 225-219-3003.

Sewage Sludge Seminars

LDEQ will sponsor two additional seminars. One in Baton Rouge and one in Alexandria tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2010 and the spring of 2011. The training seminars are **FREE** for all attendees. For registration, go to the EnviroSchool website at: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2601/Default.aspx>. For more information, contact Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

New Cost Saving Measures—Postcards!

Postcards will be used for correspondence from DEQ in order to reduce the use of paper as a cost saving measure. Postcards will be utilized for documents such as notices of final permit actions and permit renewal reminder letters. The use of postcards could save the agency up to 75 percent in postage costs. For more information contact, Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073.

Expedited Permits

LAC 33:I.1505 allows 300 days to issue a new permit or substantial modification. The Expedited Permit Program may reduce the time it takes to issue a permit. For more information, look at the following website: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2622/Default.aspx>.